



Community Connect Awards – Oklahoma

2008 Grant Awards:

@Link Services, LLC

Lima, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$544,164

Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 843-9966

County: Seminole; 5th Congressional District

@Link Services will use Rural Development funding to provide broadband services to the community of Lima, Oklahoma. A new volunteer fire department will benefit from two free years of broadband service, as well as the Lima Town Hall, New Lima K-12 School, and the Community Center which will open thanks to the funds.

2007 Grant Awards:

Wichita Online, Inc.

Tatums, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$371,139

Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700

County: Carter

Rural Development funds will be used to implement a Wi-Fi infrastructure for a broadband network in Tatums, Oklahoma. Four critical community organizations will receive the broadband service from Wichita Online: the public library, volunteer fire department, emergency medical, first response team, and the Tatums Town Hall. They will all enjoy the free broadband services being provided. The town lies within "Tornado Alley" and this allows the fire and rescue personnel to receive virtual real-time warnings of impending storms. In addition the citizens of Tatums, Oklahoma will be able to access high speed internet in the new community center being built with grant funds.

2006 Grant Awards:

Choctaw Electric Cooperative

Haworth, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$417,544

Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486

County: McCurtain

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Haworth, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed



Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.

Choctaw Electric Cooperative

Rattan, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$417,544

Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486

County: Pushmataha

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Rattan, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.

Choctaw Electric Cooperative

Smithville, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$417,544

Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486

County: McCurtain

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Smithville, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.

Nix Medical Supply, Inc. DBA CSWEB.NET

Gans, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$531,750

Contact: Pat Nix, Jr., 918-775-7778

County: Sequoyah

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless broadband system for the community of Gans, Oklahoma. In addition, the community will receive funding to build a community center with free access for residents. The local police and fire department will benefit from this project, as well as the PreK-12 school.

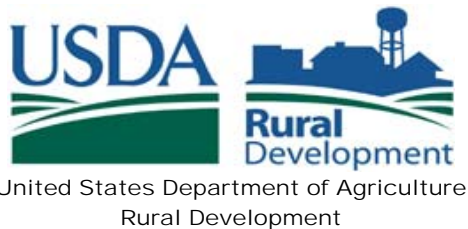
2004 Grant Awards:

Barking Wind Corporation

Wapanucka, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$379,900

Contact: L. Jay La Moure, 469-576-8208



County: Johnston

The 445 residents of Wapanucka, OK face challenges, including the lack of a library, hospital, police department that Barking Wind will address by providing broadband Internet access to the community. High speed online connections will establish online city services to benefit the residents, including the remote monitoring of water resources, and a Web presence to assist with economic development efforts. The community will have access to computer training and education in e-commerce; students will have access to distance learning programs and enhanced curricula. The project's technology includes the wireless broadband equipment, which uses unlicensed radio spectrum. Barking Wind will establish a wireless backhaul connection for Internet connectivity in addition to a T1 connection.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc.

Braggs, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$699,074

Contact: M.A. Lechtenberger, 870-421-1100

County: Muskogee

Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc., will offer broadband Internet access to 301 residents of the town of Braggs, OK. The company will use fixed wireless broadband access technology to serve residences and businesses, and will provide free service to public safety and other community service offices, as well as a community center where people can go for access to and training on the Internet.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc.

Hulbert, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$682,074

Contact: M.S. Lechtenberger, 870-421-1100

County: Cherokee

Information and technology are essential ingredients of healthy and viable communities. Residents of Hulbert, OK know this, and Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc., will provide broadband access to the 543 residents of the town using fixed wireless broadband access technology. The project includes a community center which will offer free community access to computers with broadband, to facilitate training and stimulate interest in the service.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc.

Okay, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$682,074

Contact: M.A. Lechtenberger, 870-421-1100

County: Wagoner

Information and technology are essential ingredients of healthy and viable communities. Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc., will provide the 597 residents of Okay, OK,



broadband access using fixed wireless broadband access technology. Community service facilities and a community center will be provided with free access.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc.

Redbird, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$699,074

Contact: M.A. Lechtenberger 870-421-1100

County: Wagoner

Information technology is essential to rural education, business, and community government. Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc. will provide broadband access to the 153 residents of the town of Redbird, OK. The company will use fixed wireless broadband access technology to serve residences and businesses, and will include fee service to community facilities. The project includes a community center which will offer free access and training to those unfamiliar with the benefits of broadband, or unable to otherwise afford the service.

Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc.

Vian, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$682,074

Contact: M.A. Lechtenberger, 870-421-1100

County: Sequoyah

Information and technology are essential ingredients of healthy and viable communities. Cherokee Nation Businesses, Inc. will bring fixed wireless broadband to the community of Vian, Oklahoma, population 1,362. It will connect City Hall, the school, and the police and fire departments. The public school library will contain a community center accessible to residents that will provide one-on-one assistance with broadband and internet usage.

2003 Grant Awards:

Vida Communications

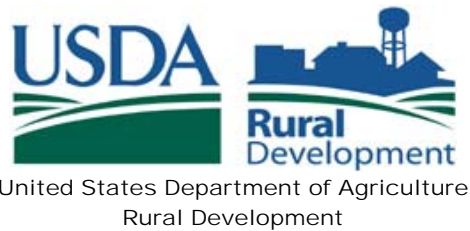
Minco, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$148,990

Contact: Clayburn Curtis, 405-381-0080

County: Grady

Minco is located in Gray County, Oklahoma. One of the main goals of bringing broadband service to the community is the need for high-speed communications to detect and warn against tornadoes. Local officials believe "real time" information on weather could result in increasing the warning time before a tornado 1000 percent. The Minco Fire department and other emergency service providers have been desperately looking for a way to improve effectiveness in tornado alerts. In addition, the community suffers from



a tough, agricultural based, agriculture economy. Global access, improved literacy and enhanced economic opportunities, individual and community challenges for the town and the county. The community connect center of opportunity will offer a significant first step as a magnet for opportunity, entrepreneurship and connectivity. Critical community organizations participating in this project include the Minco City Hall, the police department, the fire department the Minco Public School, along with the Community Center.

2002 Grant Awards:

Barking Wind Corporation

Plano, Texas

Grant Amount: \$606,307

Contact: Gerardo Gonzalez, 972-618-4953

Counties Served: Ravia and Johnston Counties, Oklahoma

Barking Wind Corporation will expend RUS Grant funds to develop a community oriented connectivity network for the purposes of providing computers and office automation tools, community education, including basic computer training. Funds will also be used for remote learning, remote resource accessibility and enhanced curriculum for elementary students. Establishment of an e-business and economic development Web-based capabilities to enable businesses to reach beyond the local community will be accomplished as well as enhancement of city services (Water, Fire/Rescue and City Administration). Additional employment will be realized for the town for operating the community center.